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A Method of Determining Down-Regulation of

the Expression of HIV Coreceptor, CCR5 With

Product R

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 4 Line 17, please delete the insert by previous amendment

"The chemical nature of Product R is described in U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/344,095, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. Product R's", and please continue to delete the following: "biological activities have been demonstrated in effective treatment of influenza in the 1930's, in stimulation of growth of bone marrow cells and